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WAR RATION BOARD COLUMN

Ration Calendar for Week Beginning January 31.

PROCESSED FOODS: Green G, H, J, (Book No. 4) expire February 20. Green K, L, M, (Book No. 4) valid February 1st, expire March 20. MEATS AND FATS: Brown Stamps V, W (Book No. 3) expire Feb. 26. Brown Stamp X (Book No. 3)—Valid February 6, expires Feb. 26. Brown stamp Y (Book No. 3) valid Feb. 13, expires March 20. ORK: Red Stamps A-8 through M-8 (Book 4) (120 points) valid indefinitely to purchase pork from farmers. These stamps not good in retail markets.

UGAR: Sugar Stamp No. 30 (Book No. 4) good for 5 pounds, expires March 31. Sugar Stamp No. 40 (Book No. 4) Good February 1 for 5 pounds to be used on canning only, expires February 29. (This sugar is to be considered part of 1944 canning allotment.)

HOES: Stamp No. 18 (Book No. 1) valid indefinitely. Airplane Stamp No. 1 (Book No. 3) now valid. A-10 coupons now valid. Expire March 21.

int Values Reduced

Point values of all major canned vegetables have been reduced, effective January 30, but reports of a point holiday for canned goods is imminent have been denied by OPA. OPA announced two to four point reductions in the ration value of all major canned vegetables but ordered setting increases of one to two points in most beef, lamb and veal and a share boost in all cheeses. OPA said that unabated military civilian food demands make needs as great as last year's. The good and bad news for housewives was summed up as follows:

Butter remains unchanged at points a pound and lard goes up to three per pound.

Beef steak cuts are raised two cents a pound, with values for these cut one point in most cases.

Veal, lamb and mutton cuts increases of one and two points; e.g. pork goes up a point. Other items, including ham and bacon stay at January values.

All cheeses are boosted sharply going from 10 to 12 a pound, cream cheese from 10, while Swiss, Munster and other varieties are lifted four to 12 a pound.

The one bright spot in the new fasts table is a four point reduction in all canned fish. Canned beans stay at four points.

Because of the reported misbelief in the 120 red ration points re-validated in advance for drivers-farm purchases is a "mis" the OPA has emphasized the special validation was in nature of an "accommodation against the future."

The purpose of making the ad-validation was to enable drivers to buy larger quantities of pork from the farms at a time when supply of country-slaughter was at its peak, OPA said. It is the OPA's intention to de-another pork bonus or diversion in the case of the "spare."

The idea was to allow drivers to "borrow" against their April stamps.

Not Concerned

the time being at least, Misses won't have to participate in the plan of mailing ration coupons to individual motorists from issuing stations in popular centers, OPA said at Jackson, states outside of Mississippi participate in the new plan in effort to eliminate thefts of rations from Local War Price Control Boards which last year in the nation 142 million gallons.

the way or another the State's bonds have been provided with few burglary attempts been reported.

A Benefit Picture Show Nets Nice Sum

Charles Stone, chairman and Wallace Watson co-chairman of a Benefit Picture Show, net sum of \$28.15 realized yesterday night.

Bay High ticket contest was the senior class who sold 23 and 15 student tickets.

The owners and managers of the G. Theatre for the court ended and to the grade who gave their time to of tickets for this fund.

re: Mesdames Charles Flinn, ex. H. Grady Perkins, Roy Sam Whitfield, A. D. Drexel, Weston, Louis Fernandez, town.

TEA BY GARDEN CLUB TOPS \$20,000 IN WAR BOND DRIVE

Among the activities of Womens Week for the Fourth War Loan Drive for this county was the tea, sponsored by the Bay-Waveland Garden Club on Wednesday afternoon at the Episcopal Parish House.

The club had been given a quota of \$10,000 and at the close of the Tea bond sales had topped \$20,000.

Receiving the many coming for a social hour were the past presidents of the club—Mrs. Leo W. Seal, Mrs. George R. Rea, who is local chairman for the Loan Drive; Mrs. Frank Kiefer, club president and Mrs. Roger Boh, county chairman Women's Activities.

Father Gmelch opened the meeting and stated that although the Altar Society has been in existence for a great many years, there has been no meeting held for many years also. He stated however that Sister Antoinette had solicited donations and Mrs. Zerr had been collecting dues from members, and through the generosity of the many members and friends of the church, more than \$2000.00 had been spent by the Society in keeping the altars and church beautiful for many services. He stated that Catholics should consider it a privilege to be permitted to be members of the society and assist in the work as great benefits and blessings were derived by their participation in such a work. Father Gmelch further stressed the fact of the church and parish growing, it was necessary to have an active organization, especially in view of the fact that in 1947 the parish of Our Lady of the Gulf would be one hundred years old and a fitting celebration for such an ominous occasion should be observed. Father Gmelch further stressed the fact of the need for a suitable organ and the ladies present agreed that work towards the purchasing of such an organ would be the major effort of the newly organized Altar Society.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Charles Zerr, President; Mrs. Louis B. Pate, vice-president; Miss Katie Hoffman, treasurer and Mrs. G. F. Stevenson, secretary. Apointive offices will be named at the next meeting of the Society.

The newly elected president assumed her place, and after discussion, it was decided that meetings would be held at the convent at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on the second Tuesday of each month, and members were urged to solicit new members and urge them to attend the meetings.

Our Lady of the Gulf Church is the largest and handsomest of edifices of the Catholic Church on the Gulf Coast, and the parishioners should be proud of this fact and assist in keeping the church beautiful and making the many necessities possible, foremost of which at present is an organ suitable for a church of this size. Hence, anyone wishing to make a thanksgiving offering can find no greater way of giving than donating to this cause and may contact Sister M. Antoinette, Mrs. Zerr or Miss Hoffman, or bring donation direct to our Pastor, Father Gmelch.

The passing of Mrs. Hursey, 87 year-old widow of the late Asa H. Hursey removes from this county one of the members of a pioneer family of this country. The Hursey and Orr families have been a part of this county where the deceased was born for so many years that they are listed among those who helped to build the county and the town of Pearlington.

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She left her daughters Mrs. J. O. Leonard, and Miss Octavia Hursey, Slidell; Mrs. C. R. Carr, Courtland, Mississippi; her sons Sidney and Meadow Hursey, Slidell and Ace Hursey.

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ALTAR SOCIETY HAS RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING TUESDAY

A meeting for the re-organization of Our Lady of the Gulf Altar Society was called by the Very Reverend Father A. J. Gmelch, Pastor, and held at St. Joseph Academy on Tuesday afternoon, February 2nd. Attending the meeting were Father Gmelch, Mother Ann Xavier of New Orleans, Sister Marie Antoinette and Mesdames Ed. Arceneaux, Charles Bandrek, Sr., G. Y. Blaize, Henry Colson, Louis B. Pate, G. F. Stevenson, R. D. Wentworth, Charles Zerr and Misses Katie Hoffman, Elsa Mauffray and Kathleen Renshaw, Mrs. F. Cosse of New Orleans, a guest, also attended.

The tea table was covered with a Point d' Venice cloth and centered with a high arrangement of Professor Sergeant Camellias from Mrs. Mogabag's garden and silver candleabra holding white tapers. Mrs. Mogabag also presented flowers to the ladies serving and to the tea girls.

Pouring tea were Mrs. N. L. Carter and Mrs. J. T. Pate. The tea girls were Misses Gaynel Gex, Patricia Gex, Thelma Namais, Mary Leigh Weston, Shelby Weston, Alicia Rollins, Rosemary Rollins, Marie Louise Burg, Virginia Seal and Barbara Ann Trastour.

The club expressed appreciation for the ladies, Mrs. L. S. Elliott, Miss Kathleen Renshaw and Mrs. Elva Ladner, who are not club members but who rendered such splendid service.

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club is never found lacking in its patriotic duty and has never failed to respond when called upon. The club members are working hand in hand with A. G. Favre, county director, W. F. Stevenson and Scott Morrill, county chairman for the War Loan Drive.

They are proud of the results of the tea and appreciate the cooperation of Mr. Favre and Mr. Morrill.

The next major activity for Womens Week will be the Premiere night show at Orte's Theater on the night of Thursday, February 19. Mrs. Edward Anderson is in charge of the program.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Laura Jane Orr Hursey

Funeral services were held at Pearlington on Friday afternoon for Mrs. Laura Jane Orr Hursey who died at her home in Slidell on Wednesday, January 26 at 12:40 p. m.

Services of the Methodist Church were conducted at the Poole Funeral Home at 3:30 p. m. Friday, by the Rev. Mr. Robinson of Slidell and the Rev. W. B. Jones, pastor of the Pearlington Methodist Church officiated at the Pearlington cemetery where she was interred.

Pallbearers were Gus Fricke, Frank Fricke, Leonard Hursey, Sheldon Hursey, Frank Quilabian and Gordon Bennett.

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For meritorious service in aerial flight in completion of ten operational sorties over enemy occupied Continental Europe" 2nd Lt. Ernest E. Russell, Bay St. Louis, Miss., a Thunderbolt P-47 fighter pilot, received the coveted Air Medal recently.

Colonel James J. Stone, Jr., Westfield, New Jersey, commanding the group, presented Lt. Russell with the award at ceremonies held on an VIII Fighter Command air base "Somewhere in England."

A member of the oldest operation, Lt. Russell, at 20 years, has been flying regularly this fall and winter over here in the so-called "Big Leagues" of fighters.

His group is the largest numerically now on 'ops,' and has been in combat status since early last spring.

Lt. Russell attended Bay High school prior to enlisting in the aviation cadets.

He is the son of Mrs. Ernest E. Russell. His father was supervisor of the Works Progress Administration in Hancock County for a number of years recently.

Lt. Joyce Becker, A. N. C. Completes Basic Training At Camp Rucker

Lt. Joyce C. Becker, ANC, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Becker, Bay St. Louis, has successfully completed her basic military training and on Saturday was graduated from the Basic Training Center for Army Nurses, an Army Service Force facility, at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

The four weeks course Lt. Becker completed was designed to supplement her professional civilian nurse's training with specialized Army study and practice. It familiarized her with Army hospital methods and taught her how to take care of herself and her patients in the field.

Lt. Becker is a graduate of Charity Hospital School of Nursing, New Orleans, La. She enlisted in the Army Air Corps on December 15, 1943. Lt. Becker visited her mother last Saturday on her way to her new assignment at Camp McCain, Miss.

Completes Lighter-than-Air Training

Lakehurst, N. J.—Now on duty as a Navy blimp squadron crew member Coxswain Albert D. Biehl, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Biehl, 208 Union Street, Bay St. Louis, Miss., has completed lighter-than-air training at this naval air station, a lighter-than-air training and operating base.

More than 100 sailors, including radiomen, machinist's mates, riggers, metalsmiths and other specialists, graduated in the class, and assigned to duty with the anti-submarine patrol of Navy blimps, which guard America's coastal lanes.

Deputy Collector Internal Revenue To Be At Court-House, Feb. 28th and 29th.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth S. Seither Died Saturday, January 29.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sickinger Seither died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Cuevas in Nicholson avenue, Waveland, on Saturday, January 29, at 12:40 p. m. She was 70 years of age and was the widow of the late August Seither who died about four years ago.

Besides her daughter she leaves four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 with the rites of the Catholic Church at the Fahey Funeral Home, Our Lady of the Gulf Church and St. Mary's Cemetery, the Rev. Father Wm. Clark officiating.

Transfer of Inducted Men to Enlisted Reserve Corps And Subsequent Recall to Active Duty

Mrs. Lydia Preveau O'Neill, wife of W. M. O'Neill died at her home 818 Platte street, New Orleans on Wednesday, February 2, at 6 a. m.

Mrs. O'Neill was 68 years of age, a native of Bay St. Louis and had been a resident of New Orleans for 45 years.

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LETTER FROM WARREN CARVER PRAISES WORK OF RED CROSS

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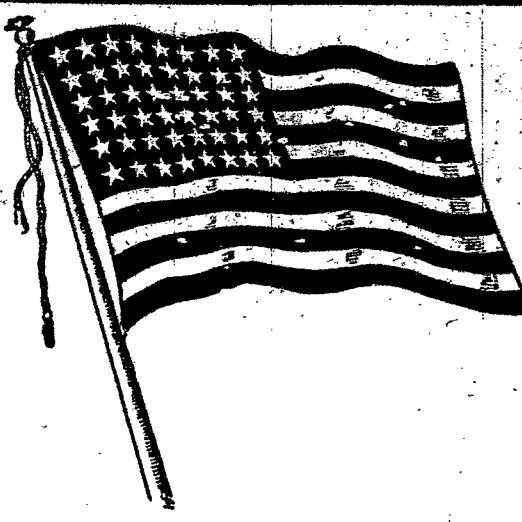
An idea of one of the many services provided by the American Red Cross for service people overseas is given in a letter from T4C Warren Carver, well known in Bay St. Louis, received last week by Miss May Colson.

"I can tell you," he writes, "that when a fellow has been away from home a long time, and especially being in a foreign country, a card from his friends at Christmas Time is doubly appreciated . . .

"Last month I had my first furlough since getting into the Army. I visited Edinburgh, Scotland. The trip was very enjoyable, though had been in the summer time I could have enjoyed it more. The Red Cross makes it possible for the fellows to visit just about every large city at a minimum of expense. We are all high in our praise of the work that the Red Cross is doing, too.

The following is the list of donors and contributions: A. & G. Theater, \$207.85; Orie Theatre, \$14.73; Bay High Athletic Association, \$45.00;

Bay High School, \$36.37; St.



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WILL WE FAIL?

IS HANCOCK COUNTY going to fail to raise its quota of \$300,000.00 in the Fourth War Loan Drive? That question will be answered by the people of the county between now and February 15th.

From the present outlook it appears as if we are in for some hard sledding. There is a lack of enthusiasm. The people are not responding. We are lagging behind. In fact, we have not reached one third of our quota.

We hear statements made that the money is needed for other purposes; that purchases were made in the Third War Loan Drive, and many other reasons why bonds cannot be purchased during this drive.

It may be well for us to get down to earth. Our boys are in a hell of a fight on both sides of the globe and the sooner we realize that we cannot afford to fall down on the job here at home the better off we will be.

We cannot afford to let them down. We cannot allow it to be said that we are not behind them to the limit. Wouldn't it be something for our boys in service who are shedding their blood for us, to know that we had failed to subscribe to our quota of bonds—that we weren't backing them up.

We should realize that we are in a war. Many of us have not reached that conclusion as yet. The sooner we do, the better off we will probably be.

Money will do us no good, if we fail to give to our fighting men the necessary supplies and equipment to carry on. Whether we have one who is near and dear to us in service or not, the news of the past week should stir us to greater heights to help to defeat the sneaking yellow rats in the Pacific.

Have you ever given any thought as to how pleasant life would be under the rule of Hitler or Hirohito? Money would certainly mean a whole lot to us, if this should happen. We love our country. We love to live and enjoy our lives in our own way. We have much to fight for. We have much to sacrifice for. Let's get down to business and raise our war bond quota. It is our patriotic duty to do so.

RENDER THEM A LITTLE SERVICE

WE have just finished reading for the second time a letter from one of the boys from the Bay, who is in the Marine Corps. He is somewhere in the Pacific and from a little grapevine, we believe he was in the fight at Tarawa. He is asking for something, just a small thing, but something that means a lot to him, "The Echo."

We quote from his letter:

"Red, I have asked everyone for the Echo and it seems as though no one wants to send it to me. So you see, Red, I am writing to you asking if you would be good enough to send me a copy of it. I would love to keep up with the Home Town News."

This boy will get the Echo, if it is possible for us to get it to him. We know how he feels and how good it is to receive news from home. We know that his family has been very diligent in writing to him, and we believe that the families of all the boys and girls in service write as often as possible, but letter cannot cover as much of the news as the paper, and for that reason, if for no other, the boys appreciate receiving it. As one boy who was home on furlough recently told us, he even read the advertisements.

We can do much for the boys and girls who are in service. We should lend as much of our time and energy to the war effort as possible and back them in every conceivable way; but most of all; we can and should write to them; let them know that we are thinking of them; let them know that we appreciate the effort they are putting forth for us. News from home and letters from their friends are the best morale builders.

We only wish that we could do more for these boys and girls than to send them the paper. We are presently sending out over seven hundred papers to the boys and girls of Hancock County. There are still many of them who are not receiving the paper, and if the parents, wives and children of these will give us their address, we will do our best to see that they receive their copy of the Echo.

When an address is changed, take time out to notify us and we will be glad to make the change, and you may rest assured that you will be rendering a service to that boy or girl, who is doing a service for you and for their country.

CLAUDE FILER VERSUS ADOLF HITLER

DEER Fuerher probably has never heard of Claude Filer of Chippewa County, Michigan, U. S. A. But of one thing we can be sure, Adolf has heard from him.

Claude is no heroic pilot of an American Liberator bomber nor a brave gunner on a destroyer in the cold, submarine-infested Atlantic.

He is just an ordinary citizen-soldier with a saw and axe for his only weapons.

Yet Hitler, and Tojo, too, have felt the might of Claude's axe just as surely as though he brought it down on their un-easy necks.

Claude Filer is a pulpwood cutter up near Sault Ste. Marie, who in an average 10-hour day can cut down 50 trees and then cut those trees into five cords, or more, of pulpwood.

The cords of pulpwood that Claude Filer cut on a balmy day last June may be in the bomb that drops on Berlin tomorrow. There is nothing fabulous about Claude. He just saws wood 10 hours a day, six days a week. Yet, in this manner, he is sawing away at the vitals of Hitler and Tojo.

Congressional
Sidelights
by
Congressman Wm. M. Colmer

Mustering-Out Pay

The House and Senate last week agreed upon a mustering-out-pay bill for the soldiers. The difference between the two bodies of Congress were finally adjusted and the bill has gone to the President for his signature. It is regarded as a certainty that the President will sign the bill.

The bill as finally enacted was a compromise of divergent views and provides for the following:

\$100.00 to veterans with less than 60 days service who served only in the United States.

\$200.00 to servicemen with more than 60 days service in the United States.

\$300.00 to veterans with service overseas or in Alaska.

There are some exceptions, however. For instance, those members of the armed forces whose services have been confined as students in colleges; those receiving dishonorable discharges; and those officers above the rank of captain.

This action on the part of the government is considered most generous, especially in view of the fact that the servicemen of World War I received \$60.00 mustering-out pay.

This action of the Congress must not be confused with disability compensation, dependents, allowances, and other benefits already provided. It does apply, however, to mothers of the WACS, WAVES, SPARS, and women MARINES. It is estimated that this law alone will cost approximately \$3,000,000,000.00.

Japanes Atrocities

Washington, as well as the rest of the country, was shocked and horrified this week when the War and Navy Departments bared and made public some of the atrocities which have been practiced by the Japanese Government on American prisoners.

The stories which these American officers who were captured in the early stages of the war in the Philippines brought back after escaping from Japanese prison camps reflected a degree of inhumanity and barbarism that few people believed even the Japanese were capable of practicing. While we would prefer to believe that these stories were exaggerated, we must accept them as authentic since they come from such sources as the War and Navy Departments.

However, there is some hope in the thought that the more recent arrivals from Japan in the exchange of prisoners report better treatment.

We would like to read into this comparison the thought that possibly the Imperial Japanese Government realized as the war progressed that they were not going to recruit rough-shod over the world and therefore changed their treatment of our prisoners for fear of retaliation.

But, be that as it may, the fact remains that they have been guilty of barbarism at its worst. There is no record of such treatment by one nation of another nation's prisoners in modern history.

The reaction here has been one of indignation and sorrow. Certainly the Japanese people have not helped themselves, and the war against them will no doubt be pushed with even greater vigor than ever before.

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A. & G. THEATER
SUNDAY-MONDAY
WATCH ON THE RHINE

With Bette Davis and Paul Lukas Starring

The "magic touch" team of Lilian Hellman as author and Herman Shumlin as producer-director, responsible for the stage successes, "Children Hour," "The Little Foxes," and "Watch on the Rhine," was brought to Hollywood by Warner Brothers for the screen production of Miss Hellman's greatest play, "Watch on the Rhine," slated to open at the A. & G. Theater on Friday.

"Watch on the Rhine" arrived in Hollywood wearing medals, figuratively speaking. The New York Drama Critics Circle gave it its award as the best play of the season.

President Roosevelt designated it for the annual "command performance" in Washington. Its star, Paul Lukas, had won the award of the New York Drama League for the best performance of the season.

So Warner Bros. could do no less than add the luster of its own Picture Academy Award, Miss Bette Davis, to co-star with Mr. Lukas in the film.

Stars, story and production are a triple guarantee of a superlative screen story in this intensely dramatic narrative of a family united in defiance of a ruthless, relentless enemy.

Bette Davis, as the American wife of Kurt Muller (Paul Lukas) a German man who has made the fight against Fascism his life work, adds another vivid and distinctive portrayal to the varied dramatic roles which have distinguished her career. She plays the role of a devoted, courageous wife, in complete sympathy with the ideals of her husband and therefore prepared to accept with him the risks of a dangerous profession.

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A top-flight supporting cast is headed by Geraldine Fitzgerald, Lucile Watson, Beulah Bondi and George Coulouris re-enact their original Broadway roles.

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V-5 Candidates Advanced
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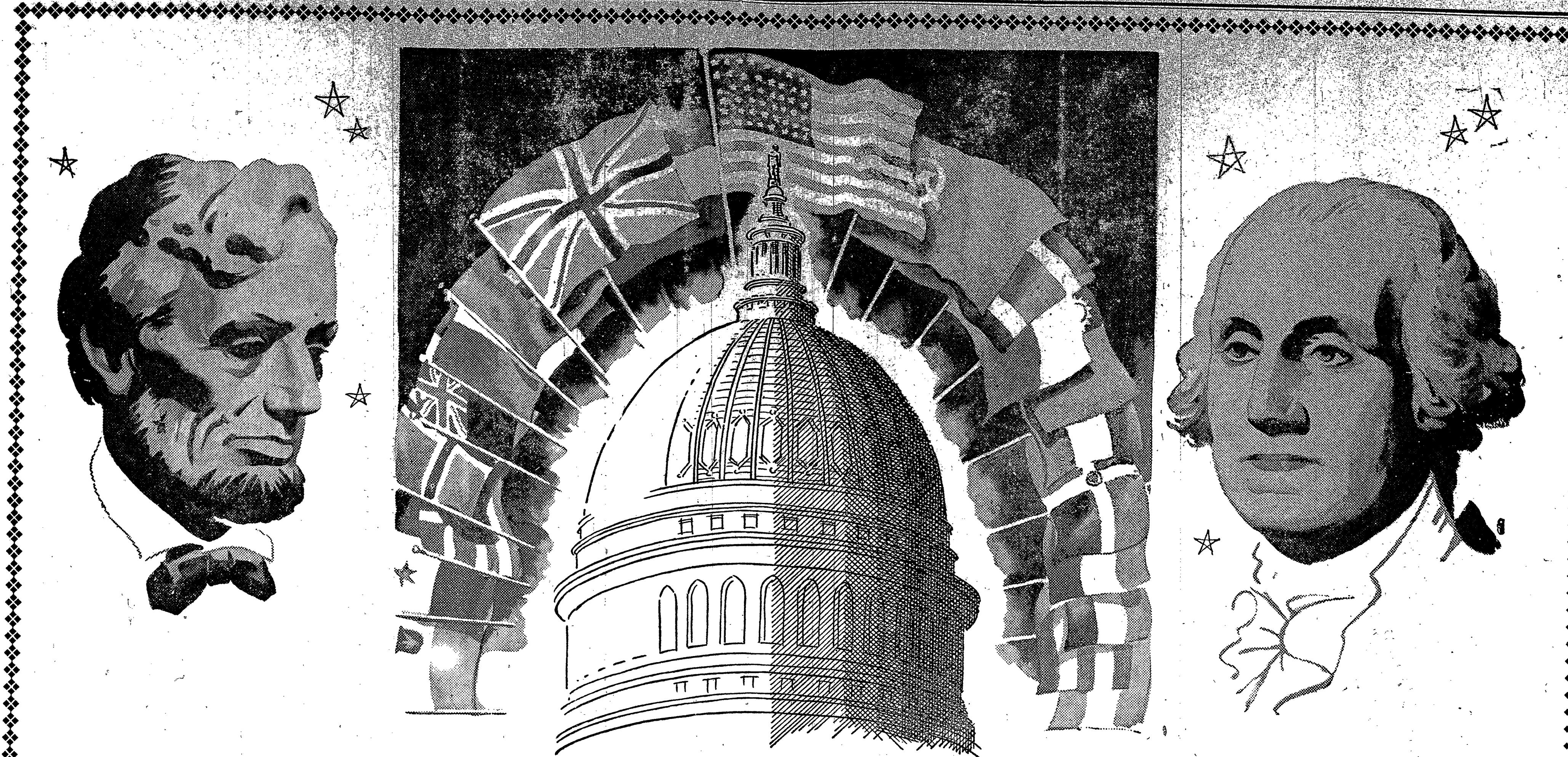
was announced today.

Since successful applicants must

be sent to Atlanta or Dallas for

examination by flight surgeons, preliminary tests in New Orleans should be complete by February 6.

For the benefit of candidates who are unable to report



So Proudly We Hail....

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We hail our flag . . . the Stars and Stripes . . . as it flies high with the flags of the United Nations . . . in world battles. We will see to it that our flag . . . and those of our allies will go on waving over every battle to come until final victory. We will see to it that the postwar world maintains the freedom, democracy, progress and union which our flag . . . and these flags symbolize!

We hail our own special flag for the particular brand of democracy for which it stands and which we insist upon. It is a democracy built upon the sound principles and flexibility to progress of George Washington . . . on the emphasis on union and the belief in human freedom of Abraham Lincoln. We hail these two great presidents who gave so much to our nation. We firmly resolve to cherish inviolate their great gift.

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LET US, THE PEOPLE OF HANCOCK COUNTY, PROVE OUR LOYALTY TO THEIR PRINCIPLES, AND BY THE PURCHASE OF WAR BONDS PROVE TO OUR BOYS IN THE FAR-FLUNG BATTLEFIELDS OF THE WORLD THAT WE ARE BACKING THEM TO THE LIMIT.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Marion Reily Passes

Hon. Marion W. Reily, age 63 prominent lawyer of Meridian, died last week in a hospital in New Orleans. Funeral at Meridian and burial in Natchez, his native home. Judge Reily made the race for governor in 1915, running second in the contest. Soon after that time he moved to Meridian, Miss., and engaged in the practice of law. He was considered one the state's ablest jury lawyers. Within the past two or three years he served as president of the State Bar Association.

Jackson Air Base

The Jackson Air Base has reverted to the control of the United States Army, since it was given up last week by the Dutch Training School. Many Dutch fliers have been trained in the "Jackson Base" and are now returning whence they came for active service against the Japs who overpowered and took over much of their territory shortly after they bombed Pearl Harbor and before the Allies could get their

tightening machines in shape. The Dutch who have trained in Jackson give promise of making splendid pilots and fighters. The Jackson Air Base will now be used to train American pilots.

Money For Bonds

Both Houses of the Legislature last week approved a bill to set aside the sum of \$21,470,000 to be taken out of the present balance in the treasury for the purpose of meeting the state's outstanding bonds known as full faith and credit bonds, that is bonds for which all taxable property of the state is pledged. Following the general bill an appropriation of \$21,470,000 was passed by both houses, this being the largest appropriation in the history of the state. Under this plan the money appropriated will be invested in U. S. Bonds, which may be converted into cash at any time, and in this way the state bonds will be fully clear of debt of this class. The state has outstanding around \$1 million dollars in highway bonds, but they are paid exclusively out of the gasoline tax and not obligations against the taxable property of the state.

Legislator Killed

John W. Heath, member from Issaquena County, was killed in a traffic accident on Wednesday night of last week. It seems that he was driving alone when his car crashed into a traffic post in front of the old Capitol. Mr. Heath was a native of Port Gibson, where he spent many years of his life, moving to Issaquena County several years ago to look over large plantings interests left by his father, who was also a member of the House for many years.

For Food Crop

Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard, is urging farmers to do their best again this year in the production of food crops. He points out that food is a weapon of war just as much as guns and ammunition and that our own people need more and better food at home in order to preserve a high standard

of health and keep people physically fit. In his annual report Mr. Wickard points out the fine success of the American farm in 1943, due largely, he says, to improved methods, cooperation and thrift. He says the 1943 crop was five per cent above the 1942 crop and 32 per cent above the five-year average from 1935 to 1939. Mississippi being an agricultural state gives our farmers a fine chance to render worthwhile service to the war effort while putting money into their own pockets.

Good Work By Legislature.

The present legislature is really doing things. The presiding officers in both houses are well prepared by years of experience to dispatch business rapidly and at the same time keeps things on a good balance. Committee chairmen are all getting down to work and receiving fine cooperation by the members. It appears that much good work will be accomplished and that the session will not be unduly long.

Rating Around

John R. Junkin was elected in the special election held in Adams County to name a successor in the legislature to Thomas Reed, who resigned to enter military service. Mr. Junkin took his seat in the House on Monday of last week. U. S. Senator Frederick Van Nuys, Democrat of Indiana and chairman of the Judiciary committee of the Senate, died in Washington on Tuesday of last week. The ranking member on the judiciary committee is Sen. McCarran of Nevada. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi, F. & A. M., will hold its 126th annual meeting in Meridian on February

15-17th.—The total amount of U. S. currency in circulation at the end of the year 1943 was \$20,500,000,000 the largest amount ever in circulation at one time in the history of the Government.—President Roosevelt has recommended to con-

gress the construction of a 34,000-mile transcontinental highway system after the war closes. It is estimated that the system he has in mind would cost substantially 750 million dollars a year for a number of years. The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that the housewives of America in 1943 canned 4,100,000,000 cans of vegetables, fruits and other things good to eat.—It has been announced that there are now 332 service men from Mississippi held in prison camps in the war zone.—By a vote of 40 to 3 the state senate adopted a resolution urging the re-instatement of football at state-owned colleges.—R. E. Branch has been installed as secretary to Gov. Bailey, "for the present" at least. Mr. Branch is expecting to be called into the Navy about February 28th. J. M. Tubb, president of the Junior College at Scobea, will also be on the secretarial staff for the duration of the legislature, at least.—Fred Jones, planter of Inverness, was elected state senator in the special election on January 25th to fill the vacancy created by the death of Percy W. Allen a few days before the legislature convened. He will represent Sunflower and Humphreys Counties.—Congress has voted to pay soldiers a "mustering out" bonus of from one hundred to three hundred dollars each upon receiving honorable discharge from the army.

Death of Mrs. Asa Hursey

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Asa Hursey, wife of the late Asa Hursey, in her 89th year. She was native of this country but was residing in Slidell at the time of her death.

She was the former Miss Laura Orr and lived the greater part of her life in Pearlington having moved to Slidell about 18 years ago.

She is survived by her daughters Mrs. Oscar Leonard, Slidell; Mrs. Charles Farr, Edwards, Miss.; Miss Octavia Hursey, Slidell; her sons Asa Hursey Jackson, Sidney Hursey and Mead Hursey, Slidell.

News for YOU about the WAC

WANT TO KNOW how the new WAC recruiting policies apply to you?

Want to know whether you're qualified for a special kind of Army job — whether you'd serve with the Air, Ground, or Service Forces — whether you could be assigned to the part of the country in which you enlist?

TODAY—get full details at the nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Station (your local post office will give you the address). Or write to: The Adjutant General, Room 4415, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.



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City Echoes

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Charles "Jack" Strong who has been confined to his bed for the past several weeks for a rest is reported much improved.

Mrs. H. C. Young of Miami, Fla., is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Gilmore.

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SPECIAL BIG CIRCUS MATINEE

FRI., 4 P.M. SAT., 2 P.M.

Will Hill from Barnum & Bailey's Circus with his TRAINED ELEPHANTS—Six Shetland Ponies and 10 Trained Dogs. A general treat for everybody. On the screen JANE WITHERS in "Johnny Doughboy." The circus will appear at the Matinee only. After the performance the theatre will be cleared and tickets will be sold for the regular show.

Friday and Saturday. The manager is holding this circus over through Friday and Saturday to give everyone an opportunity to see this show.

Adm. Prices: Children, 15c including Taxes.
Adults—31c including Taxes.

ENTERTAINS AT DINNER PARTY

Mrs. Charles G. Moreau entertained at a small dinner party at Hotel Reed on Tuesday evening honoring Alvah P. Smith, Jr., home from the Pacific War Zone.

The center piece for the table was a mound arrangement of Camellias and narcissus and place cards were individual pralines daintily arranged with the napkins. The guest list which was limited to close friends of Mr. Smith's family were Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Misses Elsie Mae and Shirley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Seal, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carrere, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Favre, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Gex, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burrows.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF DAUGHTER AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

Technical Sergeant T. A. Quintini, Army and Mrs. Quintini, announce the birth of a daughter at Jefferson Barracks Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Quintini is the former Miss Ethel Mae Boudin of this city and Sgt. Quintini is also a former resident of Bay St. Louis.

Miss Julia Boudin left last night for St. Louis to be with her sister when she comes home from the hospital.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH GUILD MEETS

The Episcopal Church Guild met at the home of Mrs. H. S. Pond on South Beach with a splendid attendance. The usual routine of business was dispensed with and Mrs. J. Roland Weston made an appeal to the ladies that they offer their services in the surgical dressing rooms. It was decided that every Thursday morning be given to the work.

Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

—Mrs. Sydonia Kauffman of this city announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Mrs. Mable Marengo to E. R. Bryant, Detroit, M. M. 1/c, U. S. N. stationed at the Gulfport Naval Base.

—Miss Betty Lee Mitchell, student at Gulf Park College, attended the recent G. C. M. A. formal dance given at the school honoring the Varsity football team. Miss Mitchell also attended the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra concert at Gulfport on Sunday.

—W. B. Branan, Civilian Defense Regional property officer, Atlanta and W. M. McIntosh, state property officer, Jackson, visited the local OCD on Saturday. They were conferring with Mrs. Geo. R. Reid, director about the delayed shipment of property allocated to the city of Bay St. Louis.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dominy announced the birth of a daughter at the Kings Daughters Hospital on Saturday, January 27. Mrs. Dominy is the former Miss Elaine Mogabag of this city. The little miss was given the name of Mary Middlemass for her paternal grandmother. The Echo is congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Dominy as well as Grandmother and Grandfather Mogabag.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Gex were hosts to a small party to New Orleans for luncheon and the races, later going to the Blue Room for dinner and dancing. The party was in honor of Alvah P. Smith on a leave here with his parents. Others going were Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Misses Elsie Mae Smith, Rosemary Rollins and Shirley Smith.

—Lieutenant (j. g.) Pete Taylor Naval Air Corps, is the guest here of his brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Gilmore. Lt. Taylor flew from Olathe, Kansas, to Jackson, Miss., where he was joined by his brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Les M. Taylor and from there they came to Bay St. Louis by automobile to visit the Gilmores.

—Sgt. Isadore Giveans, Jr., spent a thirteen day furlough at home with his wife who was before her recent marriage was Miss Doris Bennett. Sgt. Giveans left Tuesday night to return to his duty at Los Angeles, Calif. Sgt. Giveans has been serving his country for one year and this was his first furlough. They had a lovely time at his father's home in Bay St. Louis. We wish him all the luck in the world.

—Mrs. Carrie Nolan has recently qualified as the village "Cut Up."

Evidently as a change from cutting hair she cut her finger and had to have medical attention. However, her finger is better and she is still doing business at the same old stand.

—Lieutenant Juliette Perre was among those of her unit who were recent guests at a dinner dance at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York. Since then Lt. Perre's parents have been apprised of her safe arrival overseas.

—Carol Sue and Gayle Banderet are visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kimmell here. Their father, Carl Banderet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Banderet of this city, has been called into service and when he leaves Mrs. Banderet and children will make their home here.

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